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# Private wish



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Alyssa Braden is sworn in by Lt. Col. Steve Delvaux, commander of the 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment. Braden trained with various units with the 193rd Infantry Brigade as part of the "wish" she had granted through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Braden's cystic fibrosis would make it impossible for her to join the Army.

# Teen fulfills dream of being a Soldier

**By CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN**Fort Jackson Leader

Alyssa Braden could have had any wish in the world fulfilled. But — in lieu of meeting a celebrity or visiting a theme park — the diminutive teen chose to get down and dirty.

Her wish? To join the Army.

The 13-year-old from Texas has spent the past week training with battalions in Fort Jackson's 193rd Infantry Brigade through coordination with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Alyssa participated in morning

It made me so happy to hear her say she was proud of herself when she qualified out on the range.

— Lee Braden Father of Alyssa Braden

physical training sessions, rappelled down Victory Tower, conducted convoy training missions, qualified on an M16, and saw the life that she would live as a Soldier in training.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation allows children to dream big by granting a "wish" to those suffering from a life-threatening medical condition. Alyssa said she chose joining the Army as her wish because her cystic fibrosis makes it impossible for her to enlist in the future due to Department of Defense medical restrictions.

"My uncle was in the Army and he's my favorite uncle," Alyssa said. "When I saw him, I just always thought of him as a hero and I wanted to be like him."

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# Veterans Day a testament to service

all it optimism. Call it wishful thinking. Or call it a belief that mankind would come to its senses.

When America's lawmakers more than 90 years ago created Veterans Day — or Armistice Day, as it was known back then — they thought that the end of World War I would be the end of all wars.

I can understand their thoughts. America had just prevailed in a horrific conflict of global proportions. The world had been taught a good lesson.

The aggressors had paid a heavy price, and another war was the last thing on anyone's mind. Our congressional leaders were no doubt thinking as they passed the resolution declaring the end of World War I that this victory would provide America an opportunity to come together and recognize and reflect on the sacrifice and courage of all who have served.

Unfortunately, an end to all wars was not to be. In fact, the next world war would be worse than the first in terms of destruction and number of lives lost, and subsequent wars would take on new foes and new forms, all of which would undermine the notion that an end to all wars was a reasonable expectation. Nevertheless, the intent of Veterans Day to honor our veterans held then and still holds today tremendous value for our nation's citizenry.

The first Veterans Day, or Armistice Day, was cel-

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ebrated in 1919. It was declared a national day of remembrance, but the scope of that would change in subsequent years. Veterans Day would no longer be a day set aside to remember the dead from one war, but rather a day in which veterans from all wars would be recognized, as well as those veterans currently serving in times of war and peace. Perhaps the expansion of the holiday is what makes Veterans Day such an important day, not only for military members, but also for every person who pledges his or her allegiance to our great nation and the protection of our way of life.

I am of the opinion that Americans cannot show too much appreciation for our veterans, and that's not just the uniform talking. Our country would not have the many freedoms that it enjoys today had it not been for the courage and sacrifice of our military. It is up to our present day military to safeguard what our past veterans have gallantly and courageously preserved so that we may transfer the American way of life to future generations.

World peace — as America's leaders once sought — has yet to materialize, and perhaps never will, but that does not change our course or dampen our hopes and resolve.

As we celebrate Veterans Day 2011, let's remember those who have served and those who continue to serve as we honor every past and present Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine and Coast Guardsman. Today, 25 million veterans are among us, and our nation salutes every one of them.

As always, there are a number of planned Veterans Day observances in the area. Fort Jackson will have a wreath-laying ceremony 9 a.m. this morning at the Andrew Jackson statue by Gate 1. The City of Columbia will host a Veterans Day parade tomorrow at 11 a.m., and there are veterans' organizations throughout our area that will be celebrating the holiday in some way or another. We should all plan on attending an event. Tomorrow is much more than a day off — it is a testament to servitude and sacrifice by the best America has to offer. Enjoy the holiday, and do something for a veteran!

Victory Starts Here.

## Fort Jackson talks back:

In honor of Military Family Appreciation month, staff writer Cursha Pierce-Lunderman asks: 'Why are family members important to the Army?'



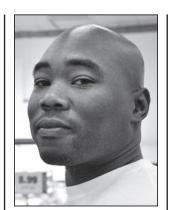
Pvt. Tony Va Company F,.2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment

"Family helps you get through all of the hard times you face in the Army."



**Pvt. Jasmin Mitchell**Company C, 2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

"They volunteer a lot of their time to help us out and help the unit get things done."



**Staff Sgt. Ernest Stephens**Camp Landing, Fla.

"Family members motivate Soldiers to continue on when they need encouragement."



**Pfc. Megan Hughes** Company D, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment

"They are the reason we're here. We couldn't do our jobs without the support of our families."



Misha Cousins Spouse

"The family forms a web of support around Soldiers, all Soldiers, to take care of them and help them along the way."



**Sgt. Matthew Butler** Installation Chaplain's Office

"They serve as a sounding board. We can vent to them and voice concerns about what we are are going through. My family reminds me why I do my job."

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# 171st hosts spiritual resilience class

By CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN Fort Jackson Leader

The man who taught America "How to Avoid Falling in Love with a Jerk," visited Fort Jackson last week to teach Soldiers, family members and civilians about resiliency.

John Van Epp, who holds a doctorate in counseling and psychology, spoke to leaders and Soldiers from throughout the Southeast during spiritual resiliency training at the Family Life and Resiliency Center Thursday.

Van Epp's Relationship Attachment Model has been showcased by national press as a key to building successful marriages and is often used as part of the Army's chaplain-led Strong Bonds pro-

His latest program, titled "Ultimate Spiritual R&R: Resiliency and Relationships," applies RAM to individuals as in an examination of spiritual resilience.

Van Epp said his concepts could help Soldiers and others change their perspectives on life.

'Techniques for resiliency will only work if they tap into the deep-seated values and beliefs you hold," he said. "When we're able to tap into our core beliefs and examine how we use them in our lives, then we are able to see true change in how people live their lives. That's what we do in this course."

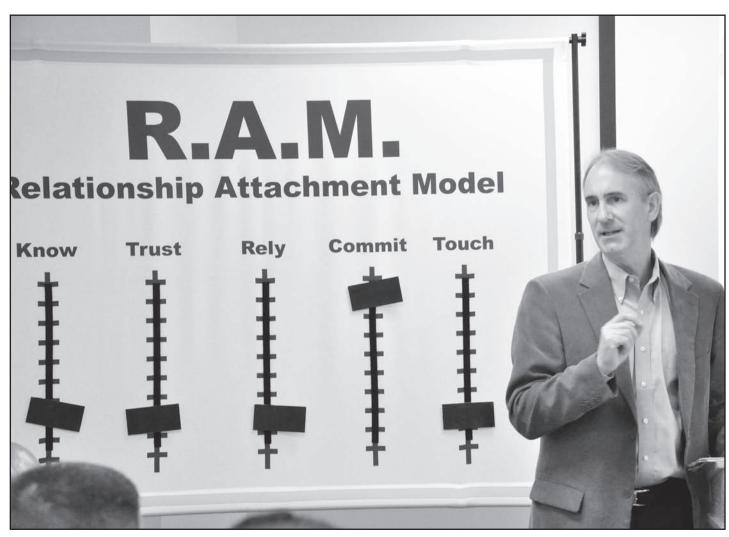
During the course, students work from their own definition of spirituality while examining the RAM model.

"The goal is to help those that come to reflect and explore the spiritual beliefs and values they hold," Van Epp said. "I ask them to clearly define where their spirituality comes from because how you relate with spirituality is going to determine how it strengthens your life."

Col. Tom Donovan, commander of the 171st Infantry Brigade — whose chaplain hosted the event — spoke to event participants, and said the spiritual resiliency training will help Soldiers and leaders work through troubled times.

"In leadership, we are dealing with Soldiers with a lot of issues. The more ways of helping Soldiers deal with their grief and feelings, the better," Donovan said. "Everyone is not comfortable with going to see a chaplain, so if others can speak to (the Soldiers) about spiritual matters, that helps."

In the past, Donovan said, there has been a stigma surrounding seeking



Photos by CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN

John Van Epp explains his Relationship Attachment Model to students during Spiritual Resilience Training at the Family Life and Resiliency Center last week. The full-day event was hosted by the 171st Infantry Brigade.

help for stress or mental issues. Training leaders in resiliency, he said, will move toward the Army's goal of having healthy Soldiers.

"I think big Army wants the Soldiers to get help and to get well. We have to get Soldiers to believe the Army is not going to punish them. There's nothing wrong with getting treatment," Donovan said.

Those who attended the course said they will use the concepts to deal with their Soldiers in the future for encouragement and seeking professional help, if needed.

"This has been great. It has shown me that we have challenges at different levels in life and you need different tools to deal with them," said Capt. Marie Louis-Jean of 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception).

out for each other."

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"This allows you to help others and Students discuss the importance of having a moral compass during one that's what is needed most, for us to look of many group discussions during Thursday's Spiritual Resiliency training. The course participants learned how to be spiritually strong and integrate it into their daily thoughts and actions.





Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Holly Petraeus, center, meets with senior noncommissioned officers Friday at the Family Life and Resiliency Center. The meeting was part of Petraeus' two-day visit to Fort Jackson to assess financial readiness training provided to Soldiers in Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training. Petraeus is the director of the Office of Servicemember Affairs in the newly established Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

# Visit focuses on financial education

#### By SUSANNE KAPPLER

Fort Jackson Leader

Holly Petraeus, director of the Office of Servicemember Affairs in the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, visited Fort Jackson Friday and Saturday to assess the financial readiness training provided to Soldiers in Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training.

During her visit, Petraeus, wife of retired Gen. David Petraeus, attended financial classes for BCT and AIT Soldiers and met with senior noncommissioned officers to discuss financial matters affecting Soldiers.

Petraeus said that one of the mandates of her office is to ensure that service members and their families get appropriate financial education.

"As part of trying to figure out how we can help with that ... we wanted to come and see what's being taught in the financial area at basic training," Petraeus said. "We've already looked at the basic training for the Navy and the Marine Corps. So this time we came to Fort Jackson."

The CFPB was established as a result of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which went into effect in July 2010. Petraeus said her office has three major objectives.

"One is to see that military personnel get the education and the knowledge to make wise consumer decisions when they spend their money. And we have the authority to enter into agreements with DoD to accomplish that," she said. "The second is to monitor the consumer complaints that come into the CFPB. .... And the third is to work with other federal and state agencies on consumer

A lot of service members are entering the military already in debt, and if they don't have the tools to work on that debt, the situation is not going to get better for them.

- Holly Petraeus

Director, Office of Servicemember Affairs Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

financial protection measures for military personnel and their families"

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Culbertson, who attended Petraeus' meeting with senior NCOs, said he appreciated her willingness to listen to the NCOs' concerns

"She is definitely a spokesman for the military and definitely an advocate who's in our corner," Culbertson said.

During that session, Petraeus and the NCOs discussed eight major financial issues affecting the military — debt, spousal employment, selling homes at a loss during permanent change of station moves, overaggressive debt collectors, landlords withholding security deposits, financial education, insurance scams and for-profit colleges targeting the military.

Petraeus said among all of the financial issues identified, indebtedness is the biggest problem for service members.

"I think that's a national problem right now, and the military is not immune to that. A lot of service members are entering the military already in debt, and if they don't get the tools to work on that debt, the situation is not going to get better for them," she said. "Ultimately, our goal is for them to be financially fit, knowledgeable, able to make wise decisions and spend their money in a way that they're able to buy the things that are a priority to them and be successful financially."

She added that debt is the No. 1 reason for failure to obtain or maintain a security clearance, which, in turn, might cause Soldiers to miss out on promotions or force them to reclassify.

Culbertson said that debt not only puts a financial burden on Soldiers, but might also adversely affect their ability to lead others.

"Everybody has some debt, to a certain extent, but when your debt basically exceeds your limits and you're living way beyond your means, it kind of puts you in a light that you don't know how to manage your affairs," Culbertson said. "And if you don't know how to manage your affairs, it's pretty hard to tell (others) who are below you how to manage their affairs. It puts a negative light on you as a noncommissioned officer."

Culbertson said he would like to see financial readiness training become a part of professional development classes throughout a Soldier's career.

"Financial readiness is a lifelong learning process. Everybody may at one time or another go through some (bumps) in the road, but how you recover from them, how you become financially savvy to deal with these types of situations, is something I would like for all noncommissioned officers and Soldiers to know and understand," he said.

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#### **News and Notes**

#### **WREATH-LAYING EVENT SET**

A Veterans Day wreath-laying ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m., today, in front of the Andrew Jackson statue in the Gate 1 traffic circle. Gate 1 will close to traffic at 8:30 a.m. and will reopen at 10 a.m.

#### **FATHERHOOD DINNER PLANNED**

The Fort Jackson Family Advocacy Program's Fatherhood initiative is hosting a Fatherhood dinner 6-7:30 p.m., Nov. 18 at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School. The dinner is for fathers of preschool and school-aged children up to sixth grade. The Saint John's Baptist Church GP Crew puppets will serve as entertainment. RSVP by Friday by calling 751-6335 or email *charles.g.lewis4. civ@mail.mil.* Pinckney and Pierce Terrace students can RSVP to the Pinckney PTO at *ccpinckneypto@yahoo.com* by Friday. Call 751-6335 for additional information.

#### **SMA OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Fort Jackson Sergeants Major Association is taking applications for a \$500 scholarship for the Spring semester. Those eligible to apply are: any noncommissioned officer currently assigned to Fort Jackson and his or her immediate dependents (i.e., spouse, child, stepchild, etc.); any member of the Sergeants Major Association and his or her dependents. Email *Michele.Marsden@us.army.mil* for an application packet. Applications must be received by Dec. 1.

#### **HOLIDAY MAIL DEADLINES SET**

The Military Postal Service Agency has set the following deadlines for holiday mail being sent to APO/FPS addresses:

Parcel post — Nov. 13 Space available — Nov. 28 Parcel-airlift — Dec. 4

Priority and first-class letters or cards
— Dec. 11.

The Postal Service's free Military Care Kits are also available. Each kit contains six Priority Mail flat rate boxes, six customs forms, six Priority address labels and one roll of military tape. Call 1-800-610-8734 to order a kit.

#### **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

The main entrance road to Moncrief Army Community Hospital off Marion Avenue is closed because of construction. When exiting the ground floor parking lots, turn left onto Stuart Street and proceed to Hill Street.

#### **GATE 4 PROCEDURES CHANGE**

Gate 4 is open only to inbound traffic from 6 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays. During these times, motorists will not be able to exit the installation through Gate 4.

# Week spotlights education

Special to the Leader

American Education Week, which begins Sunday, is an opportune time for the Fort Jackson community to visit the onpost colleges at the Fort Jackson Army Continuing Education Services office to learn more about the education programs the post has to offer.

This year's Army theme for American Education Week is, "Army Continuing Education — Supporting Soldier and Family Readiness."

The Army Continuing Education System offers a variety of programs to assist Soldiers in obtaining their college degree from associate to master's level, and some certifications. No longer tied to



the traditional classroom, Soldiers can now earn their degrees through a variety of distance learning programs sponsored through their local Army Education Center.

Once a degree plan is established, Soldiers can apply for tuition assistance and enroll in classes from anywhere worldwide via the GoArmyEd portal. These programs take into consideration Soldiers' busy careers and their personal time.

Stop by the Education Center during Army Education Week to find out more information on ACES programs and services

The Education Center is located at 4600 Strom Thurmond Blvd. (across from the Car Wash and Burger King). For more information call, 751-5314.

### Mission essential



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Al Whatley, Soldier Support Institute mission simulations officer, discusses training with Maj. Gen. Ricky Adams, TRADOC's deputy commanding general of the Army National Guard, in the mission command center of the SSI Camp Victory Warrior Training Area during Adams' visit to the installation Nov. 3.

### **CPAC** Corner

The federal benefits open season begins Monday and runs through midnight, Dec. 12. For more information, go to <a href="https://www.abc.army.mil/health/2011BenefitsOpenSeason.html">https://www.abc.army.mil/health/2011BenefitsOpenSeason.html</a>.

Information about online tools available to help make decisions about open season is available at: https://www.abc.army.mil/health/PlanSmartChoice.html.

Federal Employees Group Life Insurance, or FEGLI, and Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program, or FLTCIP, are not participating in this year's open season.

Other websites are:

☐ What to consider during the federal benefits open season: http://

www.opm.gov/retire/pubs/bals/2011/11-404attachment5.pdf.

☐ Federal employees health benefits: https://www.abc.army.mil/health/2011FEHBOpenSeason.html

☐ Federal employees dental and vision insurance program: https://www.abc.army.mil/health/2011FEDVIPOpenSeason.html.

#### **Housing Happenings**

#### **COMMUNITY UPDATES**

□ All housing offices will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., today. Balfour Beatty will remain open during that time. Call 338-4809 for housing emergencies. Housing offices will also close Friday for Veterans Day. Call 787-6416 for maintenance emergencies.

□ A part of Imboden Street will be limited to one lane of traffic from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday for paving. Flagmen will be in place to ensure traffic control.

☐ Residents who refer someone to move on post are eligible to receive \$200.

☐ Residents must obey the 20 mph speed limit in housing and be mindful of the music volume in vehicles.

☐ Residents who have not yet received a utility statement from Minol should contact the company at 1-888-636-0493.

☐ Energy conservation tip: Keeping the thermostat set between 65-72 degrees conserves energy, minimizes usage and can reduce the utility bill.

☐ Parents should ensure that children do not play on retaining walls. Children who fall from the walls could be seriously injured. Call the MPs at 751-3115 to report any unattended children playing on a retaining wall.

#### **CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

☐ To date, 520 homes have been completed. ☐ A total of 916 homes have been demolished to date.

☐ Construction is in the final stages in the vicinity of Hunt, Hartley and Thomas courts. ☐ Phase III homes along Parker Lane are expected to be available this month.



Friday, Nov. 11 — 7 p.m. Dream House

PG-13

Saturday, Nov. 12 — 2 p.m.

Free screening PG Tickets and movie title available at the AAFES Food Court.

Saturday, Nov. 12 — 5 p.m. Drive

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Dream House PG-13

Friday, Nov. 18 — 4 p.m.

Spy Kids

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Friday, Nov. 18 — 7 p.m.

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Saturday, Nov. 19 — 4 p.m.

Real Steel

PG-13

Adults: \$4.50

Children (12 and younger): \$2.25

# Officials: Hire more veterans

#### **By DONNA MILES**

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — One of the best ways Americans can honor the nation's veterans this Veterans Day is by giving them a job, three senior government officials told reporters Tuesday.

Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki, Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis and U.S. Small Business Administrator Karen G. Mills praised initiatives under way to support returning combat veterans, including those President Barack Obama announced earlier this week.

They echoed the president's comments yesterday, as well as those of Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta as he met this week with chief executive officers at an event hosted by the Goldman Sachs Foundation in New York.

"The men and women of the 9/11 generation have risked their lives fighting overseas defending our freedoms, and they have been a formidable force for good," said Shinseki during the joint conference call. "They are remarkable men and women and shouldn't have to fight for a job when they come home."

Shinseki noted that 850,000 veterans are unemployed. For veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, the unemployment rate is 12.1 percent — 3 percent above the national average, he said.

Efforts by the United States to help them will impact the estimated 1 million more service members expected to leave the military within the next five years and seek civilian jobs, he said.

"They have every right to look for the American dream, and it should not be out of reach for them and their families," Shinseki said.

Solis joined Shinseki and Mills in encouraging Congress to pass legislation to provide more opportunities for veterans

Solis encouraged veterans to visit the Department of Labor website to download a new Veteran Gold Card that entitles them to six months of personalized case management, assessments and counseling services at roughly 3,000 One-Stop Career Centers nationwide. She also encouraged veterans to take advantage of the new My Next Move for Veterans online tool to identify civilian careers that

correlate with their skills and interests.

The Department of Labor recognizes the service and sacrifice of the nation's veterans and strives to honor those contributions every day, Solis said.

"We put the full weight of the department behind programs that ensure rewarding careers are waiting for them when they come home," she said.

Meanwhile, Mills noted increased efforts within the Small Business Administration to help veterans start their own businesses. SBA has doubled its loans to veterans and disabled veterans since 2009, she said.

Last year, Mills said, the SBA approved 4,300 veterans loans amounting to \$1.5 billion.

Veterans have a lot to bring the workplace, she said, noting their skills "translate very much into entrepreneurship."

While these and other programs assist the nation's veterans, Shinseki said, they also help the country by strengthening its economy.

"The American economy needs veterans," he said. "They make exceptional employees."

### Warriors care



Photo by NICHOLE RILEY, Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Sgt. 1st Class Retha Anderson and Sgt. 1st Class William Hunnicutt, both with Fort Jackson's Warrior Transition Unit, sort clothing during a Veteran Stand Down Day Friday at the Oliver Gospel Mission in downtown Columbia. The event was aimed at providing services to homeless veterans. The Moncrief Army Community Hospital Sergeant's Association and Nutrition Care Division also participated.

# Soldiers stay 'United Through Reading'

# Reading program a way for loved ones to stay connected

By CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN

Fort Jackson Leader

Pfc. Tameka Harte opened a children's book and began reading her 8-year-old daughter a story about Thomas the Tank Engine. And though the ritual sounds routine, what made it unique was that the Basic Combat Training Soldier was reading to a camera set up in the corner of her chaplain's office; and her daughter was more than 200 miles away.

Harte was among those Soldiers assigned to the 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry program participating in a program that allows BCT Soldiers to read to their family members.

Battalion Chaplain (Capt.) Colt Randles said he first heard of the program, which is sponsored by United Through Reading, right before a 2008 deployment, and he used it to stay connected to his then 18-month-old daughter. After coming to the 1-13th, Randles said he soon realized that the BCT Soldiers he served could use something similar.

"In a lot of ways, our basic trainees are going through some of the same type of separation. There's a lot of separation anxiety that the children face," Randles said, adding that the BCT experience is often the first time parents have been separated from their children for an extended period.

Randles said United Through Reading provided each of the 193rd Infantry Brigade's battalions with a starter kit of about 50 books. United Through Reading is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1989 to unite families by providing a read aloud experience for those who are physically separated.

The 1-13th library has grown to about 150 from various donations. Interested Soldiers are videotaped reading their chosen books, and the recording is then shipped to the Soldier's home.

Randles said the battalion first started the program in May, and had participation from 50 to 70 Soldiers during each of the first two cycles in which it was used. This last cycle garnered about 125 participants, he said.

"It's a very simple program that has tangible results," said Lt. Col. Matthew Zimmerman, 1-13th commander. "It takes 10 to15 minutes for an individual to (make the video), but it has lasting effects."

He added, "It helps maintain a connection"

Pfc. Quaneatra Watson, an 18-year-old Charlotte, N.C., native, signed up to use the program at the behest of her battle buddy, Harte. She has since made a video and had it mailed to her 2-year-old sister.



Courtesy photo

Saige Schlaffman, 4, watches her cousin and godmother Pvt. Samantha Jo Aulners, read a book that she recorded in May through the 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment's United Through Reading program.



Photo by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN

Pfc. Quaneatra Watson reads, "Llama, Ilama Red Pajamas," in the 1-13th chaplain's office as part of the battalion's reading program. Watson will send the recording to her 2-year-old sister in Charlotte, N.C.

"My sister was excited," she said. "She was crying, she was calling my name. She

was very happy to get it."
Harte, a 35-year-old from Elon, N.C.,

said her absence was difficult for her family, particularly her 8-year-old daughter, Triniti. Harte also has a 16-year-old daughter.

"I've never been away from my children," she said. "I wanted them to still have that contact."

Harte said the video was reassuring for her younger daughter who started crying at school one day when another child said her mother would die because she was in the military

"When they got the video, they saw that I was OK," she said. "I think it was a comfort to her."

Her husband, Mario Wiley, said even the video was aimed at the younger child, it was a comfort to the entire family.

"I knew it was something good for the kids, something good for all of us," he said. "The video was something to reassure me that she was OK."

The family watched the video again Sunday, Wiley said, just a few days before traveling to Fort Jackson for his wife's Wednesday graduation.

"I was probably as (excited) as the kids were to see the video," he said, adding that he felt like he was losing a part of himself when his wife left for BCT. "It put a Band-Aid on the wound."

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# Teen with cystic fibrosis trained with BCT unit

Continued from Page 1

During recent family discussions, Alyssa and her family realized that she would have some trouble joining the Army.

"We have been talking to recruiters with her older sister," said Alyssa's mother, Maggie Braden. "When Alyssa found out about asthma issues in the Army, she was devastated because she knows what she has is much worse than that"

According to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, cystic fibrosis is a chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system characterized by the body's production of unusually thick, sticky mucus that often clogs the lungs, leading to life-threatening lung infections.

Those who suffer from the disease often deal with wheezing and shortness of breath, frequent lung infections and persistent coughing.

Now, more than 13 months ago after being referred to the Make-A-Wish, she was able to see her wish fulfilled. She said her time with the Soldiers and drill sergeants at Fort Jackson has lived up to her dreams.

"It's been fun and hard here, but I liked all of it," Alyssa said. "The best part was firing an AT-4 (anti-tank weapon), and I liked meeting the 'villagers' on the convoy training. Going down Victory Tower was scary, but I did it anyway. I knew if I didn't do it, I would feel bad and cry, so I just did it."

Maggie Braden said she enjoyed seeing Alyssa adopt the Army Values to

overcome training obstacles.

"They really do live those values. The drill sergeants talked her through the Army Values just before she did Victory Tower and personal courage was exactly what she worked on during that drill."

The rest of Alyssa's family was also touched by Alyssa's experience at Fort

"It made me so happy to hear her say she was proud of herself when she qualified out on the range," said Lee Braden, Alyssa's father. "She's hard on herself all of the time. To see her finally say she was proud, that meant a lot to me"

Her sister, Chessa, 18, went through the training with Alyssa and said she is even more convinced the Army might be in her future.

"I've had fun here. This had made me even more excited to come join now," Chessa said.

Wednesday, the Army's Golden Knights jumped in to present Alyssa with a personalized baton as she graduated with the 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment at Hilton Field. Alyssa — who was promoted to private first class Tuesday night — said the ceremony helped make her Army wish even better than she had hoped.

"I like the Army (Soldiers) a little bit more now because they're really inspiring. I always knew that they were, but being here makes me see they are even more inspiring than I imagined."

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Photos by CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN



Above photo, Staff Sgt. Lisa Lewis, a drill sergeant with 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, helps Alyssa Braden with her harnesses after they both rappelled from Victory Tower. Braden participated in training, which included physical training sesssion, weapons training and convoy missions, with various battalions within the 193rd Infantry Brigade to fulfill her "wish" from the Make-A-Wish Foundation to join the Army. Braden's cystic fibrosis will prevent her from joining the military. Left photo, a member of the Golden Knights skydiving team — his parachute adorned with a South Carolina state flag — parachutes down to Hilton Field during the 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment graduation Wednesday. The Golden Knights presented Alyssa with a personalized baton, as she graduated with the battalion.



Photo by KAREN SOULE, Fort Jackson Public Affairs Office

Lt. Col. Matthew Zimmerman, commander of the 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, talks about the role of Revolutionary War Col. William Campbell during a Nov. 1 staff ride to King's Mountain National Military Park near Spartanburg.

# Post command teams relive history

By KAREN SOULE

Fort Jackson Public Affairs Office

Command teams from across Fort Jackson took a break from Basic Combat Training to visit two Revolutionary War battlefields to discover what lessons learned from the past apply today.

The staff ride took place Nov. 1-2 near Spartanburg.

Thirty-six commanders and sergeants major visited the King's Mountain National Military Park and Cowpens National Battlefield to walk the grounds, discuss the strategic importance of the battles and learn more about how history can strengthen today's military leaders.

Lt. Col. John Allen, commander, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment can attest to that.

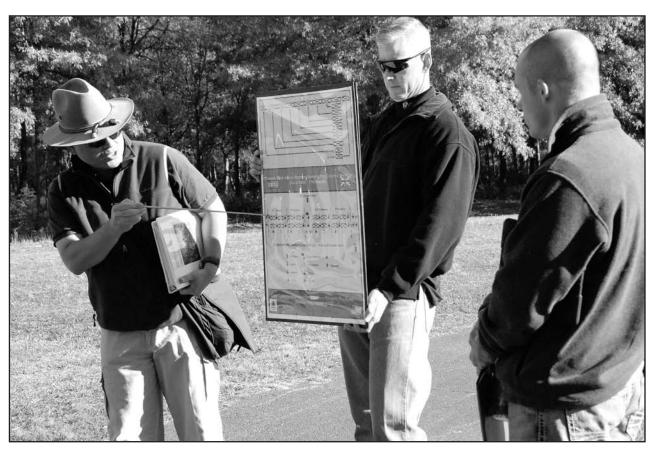
"Prior to this particular staff ride I had no idea how important both South Carolina and these two battles were to the surrender of the British Empire to the Continental Army and our newly formed Republic," Allen said.

The staff ride was facilitated by historians Ricardo Herrera and Chuck Collins from the Combat Studies Institute at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The onsite battle studies program specializes in the analysis of battlefield terrain features and on role-playing the key leaders on both sides of the fighting.

For Lt. Col. Kevin Brill, commander of the 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, studying the characters added to the experience.

"Role playing specific commanders during the staff ride helped give a personal touch for each key leader," he said. "It lends a touch of realism to the battle so many years later. Everyone did his homework, which made this a quality learning experience."

But the staff ride was more than studying history. Collins said the purpose of taking a close look at past wars is to apply lessons learned to the military's current situation and make it better.



Ricardo Herrera, left, with the Combat Studies Institute, points out details of the Cowpens battle map as Lt. Col. John Allen, center, and 1st Sgt. Ron Newman, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, listen.

The lesson for Allen was about leadership and adaptation. "The lessons learned during the Revolutionary War are as applicable today as they were 236 years ago. Our leaders were specifically drawn to the lessons learned at both the battle of Cowpens and King's Mountain with regards to terrain and mission analysis, task organization, treatment and

care of the civilian populace, leadership and its influences prior to, during and immediately following contact with the enemy as well as strategic communications and its effects on the populace," he said. "I found that this particular event had more relevant application today than the eight previous staff rides I've participated in."

# **Events offer time to create memories**

aturday was my dad's birthday. He would have been 67 years old. He died almost 10 years ago. So many times last week I thought, "I hope I don't forget his birthday."

So when I woke up Saturday morning, of course, I forgot.

My husband, Jose, took me and our son, JJ, to Semmes Lake to participate in the "Take the Bait" Fishing Tournament, one of many activities hosted by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation in celebration of National Military Family Appreciation Month. When we arrived, it was cold and windy and I wondered, "Why in the world did I agree to go fishing?" I wanted to go back into the warm car and hang out while he and JJ fished. But I didn't go to the car. I stayed and watched them enjoy father-son time.

While Jose was leaning over, putting bait on his line, I noticed he was wearing jeans that looked similar to jeans my dad used to wear. I had a quick flashback of my dad when he would take me and my brother fishing when we were younger. I thought, "Jose reminds me so much of my dad right now."

### **COMMENTARY**

By Kris Gonzalez Special to the Leader



That's when I remembered, "It is my dad's birthday!" I told Jose and he gave me a big hug, and I cried. Actually, I sobbed. I said to Jose, "You were supposed to bring me fishing today so I could remember my dad."

There's a reason why I was hoping I wouldn't forget my dad's birthday.

Because I can't tell you how many times I forgot his birthday while he was alive. He died Jan. 2, 2002. I can't remember if I called him on his last birthday. I can't even remember if I called him on 9/11. I'm sure you can imagine how horrible that makes me feel. I carry so much guilt

and sadness and regret when I remember my dad. I wish I had been a better daughter. I wish I had reached out more. I wish he was here to know and feel the love of my son.

Now I live every day trying to be the best wife, daughter, mother, sister — Kris — that I can be, so that I don't feel this pain when my next loved one dies, and so that my loved ones don't ever have to wonder if they were loved by me while they were alive.

What does this have to do with Military Family Appreciation Month?

Throughout this month, many Fort Jackson agencies are offering community members a plethora of events so that families have an opportunity to create memories of their own. I know as military family members, we have often asked for opportunities to spend more time and to do more things with our families. This is that time. Take advantage of it.

Editor's note: Kris Gonzalez is a military spouse and Public Affairs intern assigned to Fort Bragg, N.C. See Page 22 for a listing of Military Family Appreciation Month activities.

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# Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees



Sgt. Lakeisha Bush Company A 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER** OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Daniel Lopez

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE** Pfc. Levi Fisk

**HIGH APFT SCORE** Spc. Jonni Stormo

**HIGH BRM** 

Pfc. William-Clay Brown



Staff Sgt. **Michael Foster** Company B 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment

#### **SOLDIER LEADER** OF THE CYCLE Pfc. Kenneth White Jr.

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE** Pvt. Jacob Wilson

**HIGH APFT SCORE** Pfc. Nestor Partida

**HIGH BRM** Pvt. Justin Barber



Staff Sgt. Calvin Callender Ortiz Company C 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment

#### **SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE**

Spc. Sean Bowen

#### **SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**

Pvt. Chris Eppers

#### **HIGH APFT SCORE** Spc. Daniel Hammond

**HIGH BRM** Pvt. Christopher Whitt



Staff Sgt. **Gabriel Alvardo** Company D 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment

#### **SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE**

Spc. Michael Morgan

#### **SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE** Pvt. Justin Trull

**HIGH APFT SCORE** 

Pfc. Celina Gomez

**HIGH BRM** 

Pvt. Derek Hurd



Staff Sgt. **Luis Corral** Company F 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment

#### **SOLDIER LEADER** OF THE CYCLE

Spc. Jeremy Bonikowske

#### **SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE** Spc. Samantha Johnson

**HIGH APFT SCORE** 

### Spc. Samantha Johnson

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HIGH BRM Pfc. Shelby Rosen

# **Training** honors



Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Croteau Platoon sergeant of the cycle 369th Adjutant General Battalion



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Martinez Instructor of the cycle 369th Adjutant General Battalion



Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Gaytan Cadre of the cycle 369th Adjutant General Battalion

#### SUPPORT AWARDS OF THE CYCLE -

**STAFF SUPPORT** 

Lavinnie Samuels

**SERVICE SUPPORT** 

Staff Sgt. Damesha Graham

**DFAC SUPPORT** 

Tonya Parnell

**FAMILY SUPPORT** Heather Speck

### Want more Fort Jackson news?



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# Recurring meetings

#### WEEKLY

#### **Fort Jackson Boy Scouts**

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m., 11559 Jenkins Road (next to Victory Tower), 917-1869.

#### Walking away stress

Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m., at the pecan orchard near the post office on Early Street, 751-6325.

#### Play group

Mondays, 10 to 11:45 a.m., Room 8, 5615 Hood St., for children 4 and younger, 751-1071/6304.

#### Range control briefing

Mondays and Fridays, 1 p.m., Education Center, Room 302, 751-7171.

#### Columbia Composite Squadron (Civil Air Patrol)

Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Owens Field, main conference room. E-mail *Tom.Alsup@gmail.com* or visit *www.scwg.cap.gov.* 

#### **Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Strength**

Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, seventh floor. Open to combat veterans and their family members.

#### **Protestant Women of the Chapel**

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon, Main Post Chapel, Bible study and fellowship. Home schoolers are welcome. Free child care is available. E-mail *jackson.pwoc.org*.

#### **American Red Cross**

Volunteer orientation is every Wednesday, 1 to 4 p.m., and every Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon. Only one session is required. Additional training is necessary for those volunteering in a clinical setting. Call 751-4329.

#### **MONTHLY**

#### **Fort Jackson Cub Scouts**

First Sunday of the month, 5:30 to 7 p.m., 11559 Jenkins Road (next to Victory Tower), 917-1869

#### Fort Jackson Bass Club

First Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Joe E. Mann Center. Open to active duty, retirees, DoD civilians, reservists, veterans and family members.

Visit www.jacksonanglers.com.

# Disabled American Veterans Chapter and Auxiliary, Woodrow Wilson Chapter #4

Second Monday of the month, 6 p.m., 511 Violet St., West Columbia, 467-8355 or *gblake12@sc.rr.com*.

#### Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

— Second and fourth Monday of the month, noon, Weight Management Center, 180 Laurel St.

— Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Palmetto Health Baptist Breast Health Center, 1501 Sumter St., ground level, Meeting Room 2.

#### Seabees

Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., West Metro Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, 755-7792 or 755-0300.

#### **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 641**

Second Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., 534 S. Belt-line Blvd., 782-5943 or 782-0148.

#### Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

First Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Post Conference Room, www.jackson.army.mil/360/SAMC/home.htm.

#### **American Legion Post 182**

First Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., Officers' Club, 351-2333.

#### **Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association**

Second Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., NCO Club.

#### **National Federation of Federal Employees**

Second Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., 4405 Forney St., first floor, 751-2622 or NFFE@conus.army.mil.

#### Fleet Reserve Association Unit 202

Third Tuesday of the month, 1 p.m., 2620 Lee Road, 482-4456.

#### Veterans of Foreign Wars Gandy-Griffin Post 4262

Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., 5821 North Main St., 754-1614 or 447-2320.

#### **Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 303**

Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 312-4895.

#### Purple Heart #402

Fourth Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 351-2333.

#### Victory Riders Motorcycle Club

First and third Thursday of the month, 5 p.m., Magruder's Club. E-mail *sec@fjvictoryriders.com*.

#### The Rocks Inc., James Webster Smith Chapter

Third Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Post Confer-

ence Room.

#### **Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers**

First and third Wednesday of the month, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Single Soldier Complex, Building 2447, 751-1148

#### **American Legion Riders Motorcycle Group**

Third Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 360-3830.

#### **Society of American Military Engineers**

Fourth Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m., 254-0518 or 765-0320.

#### **MEDPROS** training

Third Friday of the month, 1-4 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Room 9-83. E-mail *Erica.Aikens@amedd.army.mil*.

#### **Retired Enlisted Association**

Third Friday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, third floor, 740-2319 or e-mail *jrodgers11@sc.rr.com*.

#### 92nd Buffalo Chapter 20 DAV

Third Saturday of the month, except July and August, 11 a.m., DAV Headquarters 511 Violet St., West Columbia, 260-1067.

#### **Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 641**

Second Sunday of the month, 3 p.m., 534 S. Beltline Blvd., 782-5943 or 782-0148.

#### **Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 4262**

Second Sunday of the month, 5 p.m., 5821 North Main St., 754-1614.

#### **Combat Vets Motorcycle Association**

Third Sunday of the month at noon, (774) 451-7504, e-mail armyaguiar@yahoo.com or visit www.combatvet.org.

#### **Sergeants Major Association**

Last working Thursday of the month, 4:30 p.m., Magruder's Pub, 338-1904. Open to active-duty and retired E-9s and E-8s. E-mail *William.huffin@us.army.mil* 

#### **SUBMISSIONS**

To submit a recurring meeting, email the name of the group, when and where the meeting takes place and contact information to *fileader@conus.army.mil*.

#### Calendar

#### Sunday

#### **Veterans Day service**

10:15 to 11:30 a.m., Daniel Circle Chapel The service is open to the community and will include the recitation of military creeds, the Pledge of Allegiance and a recognition of veterans in the congregation.

#### Tuesday

## AG Corps Regimental Association breakfast

7:15 a.m., NCO Club

Tickets cost \$9. The guest speaker is Chief Warrant Officer 5 Coral Jones, chief warrant officer of the Adjutant General Corps. For more information, call 751-1690.

#### Friday, Nov. 18

# Native American Heritage Month luncheon

11:30 a.m., Officers' Club

#### Families of the Year ceremony

4 p.m., Solomon Center

#### Father and child dinner

6 to 7:30 p.m., C.C. Pinckney Elementary School

Fort Jackson dads of children in pre-school through sixth grade are invited for dinner and entertainment. RSVP is required by Friday. For more information, call 751-6335

#### Monday, Nov. 28 through Friday, Dec. 9 Army 101 lunchtime course

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Family Readiness Center

RSVP is required by Nov. 23. For more information, call 751-6315.

### **Housing events**

All events are held in the Community Center, 520 Brown Ave., unless otherwise specified. Call 738-8275 for information.

# Through Nov. 27 Turkey coloring contest

Pick up your coloring sheet at the Community Center. Entries will be displayed in the Community Center. Each sheet is entered into a raffle for a gift card. To receive a coloring sheet by email, send a request to ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com.

## Every Monday in November, 3 p.m. After school snack attack club

Children receive free snacks while supplies last.

### Announcements

#### CHILDWATCH PERSONNEL SOUGHT

The Fort Jackson Main Post Chapel is looking for applicants interested in working at its child care ministry Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call 751-4961/6681

#### **PROPERTY DONATIONS**

Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services has scheduled a donation event for DoD ID card holders from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Nov. 19 at 1902 Ewell Road. Items available include chairs, tables, wall lockers, bunk beds and night stands. All items are free. There will be no prescreening.

#### **AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT**

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a DoD agency, is accepting nominations for the 2012 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. Nominations may be submitted through Jan. 16. For more information, visit www.freedomaward.mil.

#### **SPORTS BANQUET**

Fort Jackson's annual sports banquet is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Dec. 6 at the Solomon Center. The banquet is open to all who participated in the sports program throughout the year. RSVP is required by Nov. 29. For more information, call 751-3096.

#### THREAT AWARENESS REPORTING

Briefings for the postwide Threat Awareness Reporting Program, formerly known as SAEDA, are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Jan. 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 and 26. The briefings will take place in the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) Chapel.

#### **REUSE CENTER**

Fort Jackson military and civilian personnel and on-post residents can obtain free overstock items at the Reuse Center. The center carries paint-related materials, adhesives, cleaners, printer cartridges, light bulbs and office supplies. The Reuse Center is located at 2558 Essayons Way and is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### **BOSS FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE**

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will conduct a food drive through Nov. 18 and a clothing drive from Nov. 21 through Dec. 15. For more information, call 751-1148

#### **HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA**

The Victory Chapter Sergeants Major Association 2011 Holiday Extravaganza is scheduled for 6 p.m., Dec. 17 at the NCO Club. Tickets cost \$25. For more information, call (919) 605-4283.

#### NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation is accepting nominations for people who portrayed or recognized aspects of Marine life, culture, history or work. For more information, visit www.marineheritage.org/awards.asp.

#### **SKIES TRANSPORTATION**

SKIESUnlimited is offering on-post transportation to classes for children who

attend Child Youth and School Services child care facilities on post. For more information, call 751-6777.

#### **DHR TRAINING CLOSURES**

Some Directorate of Human Resource offices will be closed for training on the third Tuesday of each month. Each month, a list will be available indicating which activity will be closed that month for training.

#### **MILITARY MOPS GROUP STARTED**

Mothers of Preschoolers, or MOPS, is soliciting military moms to join its newest chapter in Columbia. The group meets 10 a.m. to noon, the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, at Northeast United Methodist Church, 4000 Hard Scrabble Road. Visit <a href="https://www.mops.org">www.mops.org</a> for more information.

#### **CHANGE IN HOURS**

The Personal Property Office has changed its hours of operations for walkin services. The new office hours are: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (limited services from noon to 4 p.m.); Tuesdays; 7:30 a.m. to noon, Thursdays. For more information or in case of emergencies, call 751-5137/5138.

#### **SPOUSE ASSISTANCE CHANGES**

Effective with the academic year 2012/2013, Army Emergency Relief will consolidate its overseas and stateside spouses education assistance programs. All spouses will be allowed to attend school part-time or full-time. Funding will be available for fall and spring semesters only.

Other changes include minimum credit hour requirements, scholarship eligibility and a modified overseas application process. For more information, call 751-5256 or email <code>education@aerhq.org</code>.

#### THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Children are invited to participate in a monthlong scavenger hunt. Instructions are available at the Thrift Shop.

The Thrift Shop will be giving out one free Christmas basket each Wednesday after 1 p.m.

The Thrift Shop will be closed for Thanksgiving starting Nov. 22. The store will reopen Nov. 29.

The Thrift Shop will accept Thanks-giving items through today and Christmas items through Dec. 15.

The Thrift Shop will award \$2 coupons off any item every other week to customers who wear college colors.

The Thrift Shop's Cinderella Project has free ball gowns for sergeants and below and spouses of active-duty sergeants and below.

Visit the community calendar at www.jackson.army.mil for a full listing of calendar events. Community announcements may be edited to comply with Leader style and Public Affairs regulations.

### **Off-post events**

The Fort Jackson Leader accepts only off-post announcements for those organizations or events that directly relate to service members and their families.

#### **SERVICE HONORING VETERANS**

Life Springs Worship Center has scheduled a service honoring veterans for 7 p.m., Friday. The guest speaker is retired Lt. Gen. William "Jerry" Boykin. Life Springs Worship Center is located at 5630 Platt Springs Road, Lexington.

#### **VFW AUXILIARY RECEPTION**

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars will host a reception for its national president, Gwen Ranking, at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at VFW state headquarters at 210 Glassmaster Road, Lexington. The dress code is casual. For more information, call 787-4186.

#### **VETERANS JOB/EDUCATION EXPO**

The Hiring Our Heroes/Recruit Military Veteran Opportunity Expo is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 17 at The Speedway Club at Charlotte Motor Speedway (5555 Concord Parkway South). For more information, visit www.recruitmilitary.com.

#### **MILITARY FAIR**

A military fair is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 19 at the AC Jackson Wellness Center, 2440 Atlas Road. The fair will include a VA benefits seminar, agency information tables and activities for children. Service members will also be recognized during the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. services, Nov. 20 at Bible Way Church. Service members are asked to wear their uniform. For more information, call 788-1469.

#### 2ND DIVISION SOLDIERS SOUGHT

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is looking for Soldiers who served in the 2nd Infantry Division. The association is planning a reunion in August. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.2ida.org">www.2ida.org</a> or email 2idahq@comcast.net.

#### Flag football standings Monday/Wednesday 120th 10-0 **MEDDAC** 8-2 2-60th 5-4 Roughnecks 4-6 2-39th 3-6 3-60th 3-34th 1-8 Tuesday/Thursday TSB 8-2 1-61st 187th 6-3 193rd 4-5 4-10th 3-5 171st 0 - 10Standings as of Tuesday

# Brunch starts off month honoring military families

By THERESA O'HAGAN

Fort Jackson FMWR

Military Family Appreciation Month kicked off with a free brunch for military families Sunday at the NCO Club. Families enjoyed a variety of breakfast favorites as well carved roast beef, shrimp and variety of desserts. Nearly 400 people attended the event.

"This has been wonderfully executed," said Capt. Jose Gonzalez, Third Army, who attended with his wife and son. "Very excellent. The food exceeded my expectations; the entertainment exceeded my expectation. I am happy we decided to attend."

Besides great food, Sarah Dippity was there to paint faces, Dot Com gave out prizes and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Bucks, and there was even a gospel band performing.

The next family-friendly event at the NCO Club is Family Bingo Night Nov. 23 at the NCO Club, 4 to 7 p.m. Take a break from the holiday preparations; enjoy free pizza, drinks and win fun family prizes in friendly, family-paced games of bingo.

Special events are planned all month.

Another popular event is the Family Fun Festival, hosted by Child, Youth and School Services, Nov. 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside and outside the Solomon Center featuring free carnival rides, games, bounce and slide for all military families.

Families can get together for National Family Game Day Saturday, noon to 2 p.m. at the Thomas Lee Hall Library. Challenge each other to traditional board games, or games on the Wii. Families can also win door prizes to take home their own games. Refreshments will be served. Teens can get together and discuss "Tears of a Tiger" by Sharon Draper at the Library at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 17 and the "Hunger Games" on Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. Other events include a Literary Parade, and Literary Arts and Crafts Competition on Nov. 30. Teens who read at least three books on their reading level during November will be entered into a drawing to win the "Hazelwood Trilogy" by Sharon Draper or "The Hunger Games" series by Suzanne Collins. The winners will be drawn and announced Nov. 30.



Photo by THERESA O'HAGAN, FMWR

JJ Gonzalez, 7, shows off his dragon face paint during the free brunch for military families Sunday at the NCO Club.

For the entire month of November, Century Lanes is offering free games of bowling to all military families. Anytime lanes are open at Century Lanes, with the exception of Family Day and Graduation Day, military families can get one free game of bowling per visit for every member of the family. The offer does not include shoe rentals. This offer is only good at Century Lanes; it does not apply to Ivy Lanes.

Century Lanes is also offering special events to keep families active and engaged. Century Lanes will offer colored pin bowling over the Thanksgiving break. Bowlers who get a strike when the colored pin is in their lane will win family-orientated prizes such as family games, movies, and more. Colored pin bowling will be offered 3 to 9 p.m., Nov. 25 and 26 and 2 to 9 p.m., Nov. 27. Celebrate the contributions of Military Families at the Annual Families of the Year Recognition Ceremony, 4 p.m., Nov. 18 at the Solomon Center.

- ☐ Palmetto Greens Miniature Golf: Free round of golf at Palmetto Greens for each member of the family, Saturdays and Sundays
  - ☐ Officers' Club: Kids eat free all

month at the Officers' Club, including Sundays, with the purchase of an adult meal

- ☐ Weston Lake: Free daily canoe or paddle boat rentals
- ☐ Marion Street Station: Free bike rentals all month
- ☐ Retail Zone: 25 percent off all purchases at the Retail Zone (excludes closeouts and sales).
- ☐ Golf Club: Saturdays and Sundays, families get unlimited golf and cart after 2 p.m. until close. Adults: \$10, Children: \$5.
- ☐ Fitness: All fitness classes, no matter how many you take, are free in November. Current Fitness members will get a free month of their choosing.

Dot Com will be out and about during the month of November, showing her support and appreciation for military Families. Spot Dot, get a picture with her and post it either to the Fort Jackson FMWR Facebook page or Dot Com's Facebook page and you could be selected to win cool prizes.

More events are currently being planned and will be announced in the *Leader*, on Facebook and the Family and MWR website, *www.fortjacksonmwr.com*.

### **FMWR** calendar

#### **THURSDAY**

- ☐ Visit Century Lanes for food, fun and bowling.
- ☐ Victory Bingo, 2 to 11 p.m.
- □ Sleepy Storytime at the **Post Library**, 6:30 to 7 p.m. Come in pajamas and go home ready for bed.
- ☐ Magruder's Pub and Club happy hour, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers are available, while they last.

#### **FRIDAY**

- ☐ Look what I can do, **Thomas Lee Hall Library.** Call 751-5589 for more information.
- ☐ Visit the **Officers' Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the seafood buffet.
- ☐ Victory Bingo, starts at 2 p.m.
- ☐ In honor of Military Family Appreciation Month, get one free game of bowling for every member of the family when lanes are available at Century Lanes. This offer is not valid on family day and graduation day.
- □ Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at **Magruder's Club**, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Magruder's Club is located in the back of Magruder's Pub. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military. Every other Friday, sing along to Linda's Carraoke Karaoke. Be early for happy hour, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers are available, while they last.
- ☐ Every Friday is Artistic Expression with Jake at 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Room at the **Youth Services Center.**

#### **SATURDAY**

- ☐ Victory Bingo, starts at 1 p.m.
- ☐ Step Team practice, 2 p.m., dance room at the **Youth Services Center**.
- ☐ Classic Soul Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., Excalibur Room at the **NCO Club**. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.

#### SUNDAY

- ☐ Try Hickory Bistro at the **Officers' Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Get your favorite breakfast or lunch dishes at a new lower price.
- ☐ Victory Bingo, starts at 10 a.m. ☐ Every Sunday is Family Day at the
- Youth Center, 2-6 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

- ☐ Magruder's Pub and Club happy hour, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers are available while they last.
- ☐ Victory Readers Club, 6 to 8 p.m., **Post** Library.
- □ 4-H Club meets 4 to 5 p.m. For grades 1-5. Call 751-1136 for information.

#### ONGOING OFFERS

- ☐ The Officers' Club specializes in wedding receptions, anniversaries, promotions and other special occasions. For more information, call 782-8761.
- ☐ The NCO Club breakfast buffet is 6 to 9 a.m., Monday through Friday.



Watch Fort Jackson video news stories and Victory Updates at http://www.vimeo.com/user3022628



# **MACH** program targets combat stress

#### **BV DORENE BOLTZ**

Moncrief Army Community Hospital

As Moncrief Army Community Hospital's Combat Stress & Addictions Recovery Program, or CSARP, enters its seventh month of existence, the program's founder said it is already a success.

"This is the realization of a dream I've had for a long time, so it feels great to see it working," said Dr. Marc Cooper, chief of the Department of Behavioral Health.

CSARP grew out of a need for more intensive services for Soldiers dealing with combat stress related issues.

"We found that the outside programs we were utilizing were not addressing the whole Soldier. They looked at substance abuse issues, but neglected the combat stress," Cooper said. "Or else they worked on combat stress, but neglected the family. The Soldiers were only getting a fraction of the treatment they needed and that wasn't right.

"So we started thinking that we could do better here."

This program, which began in April, is on the cutting edge of patient-centered care in the Army. It provides a multidisciplinary, comprehensive approach to evaluate each patient's needs so that all areas of need are addressed. For example: upon admission, the financial health of all patients is assessed. The Soldiers then meet with financial counselors at the Financial Readiness Program to discuss the way ahead.

"We are also excited to offer a more holistic menu of treatments such as acupunc-

ture (and) mindfulness meditation, and we have just gotten word that a contract yoga instructor has been hired," Cooper said. "We are all about the needs of the patients and finding the modality that fits each patient, not trying to fit the patient to the treatment."

Another strength of the program is that the Soldiers who are already in treatment with DBH and Army Substance Abuse Program providers continue to see them while they are in the program.

"We aim to be as seamless as possible, so each patient continues to see the outpatient treatment team they already have, and additional providers offering complementary treatments as well. The main benefit from the patients' perspective is that they don't have to 'start over' with completely new providers'

CSARP facilitates family involvement, offering marital therapy and a spousal support group.

"One of the other limitations of sending these Soldiers away for treatment was that the family was out of the loop," Cooper said. "With CSARP, the family is usually nearby and can participate and see for themselves how their Soldier is doing."

"So far, we've had 13 Soldiers graduate from CSARP, and our data indicates that they have improved significantly in measures of depression and PTSD. We're very proud of that. After our graduates leave the program, most of them continue to receive outpatient services from DBH. We also started a spin-off outpatient group for CSARP graduates at their request. We never expected that to happen," Cooper said.

# Warrior Care Month under way

Warrior Transition Command

This month is the Army's Warrior Care Month. The theme is "Healing the Mind, Body, and Spirit: Unlocking Unlimited Potential."

"Taking care of Soldiers is something we do every day," said Brig. Gen. Darryl Williams, assistant surgeon general for Warrior Care and Commander, Warrior Transition Command. "Observing Warrior Care Month allows us to highlight the significance of keeping Soldiers healthy and safe and taking care of them when they become wounded, ill or injured. At the Warrior Transition Command we are in the business of caring for the Army's wounded, ill and injured Soldiers from the active, Guard and Reserve."

Williams said most people think of the combat injured when they hear the term "warrior care."

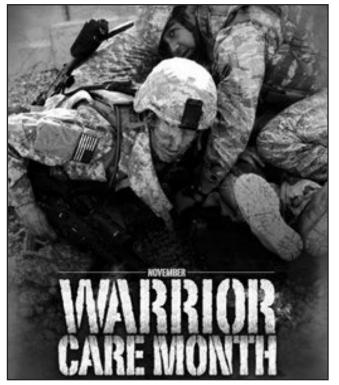
"Taking care of our combat-injured is warrior care," he said. "Warrior care also is preventing illnesses and keeping Soldiers healthy and ready to deploy. Warrior care is arming Soldiers with tourniquets that they can use with only one hand. It's having the best trained medics in the world standing shoulder-to-shoulder with our combat Soldiers."

Williams points out that warrior care is an undertaking that encompasses a broad scope of efforts that extend beyond the battlefield, including understanding how to manage pain with medication and with complementary medicine such as acupuncture, massage and yoga.

"Warrior care means building resilience and ensuring our men and women in uniform are strong in mind, body and spirit. Warrior care is our best researchers looking at how we can advance medicine, improve protective gear and deal with trauma and complex injuries. It's having a battle buddy who looks after you and a leader you can count on," Williams said.

Warrior Care Month is also a time to recognize all those who don't wear the uniform who support and care for our Soldiers, such as the Veterans Administration, Congress, Veterans organizations, corporate America, local communities and individual citizens.

Williams, speaking specifically about his job and about Warrior Transition Units, outlines his three priorities for the wounded, ill and injured he represents — education, training and employment. There are 29 Warrior Transition Units at Army installations and nine community-based Warrior Transition Units across the country. The WTU structure represents the way the Army supports Soldiers who require



Air Force graphic

#### November is designated Warrior Care Month.

at least six months of complex medical care. Since 2007, through WTUs, the Army provides a standardized framework of care and support from medical appointments to adaptive or reconditioning sports programs and internships.

Standing behind them through each stage of recovery and transition is the Triad of Care — a primary care manager, nurse case manager and squad leader — as well as an interdisciplinary team of medical and non-medical professionals who work with Soldiers and their families to ensure that they receive the support they deserve.

Williams said that while a WTU is a place for Soldiers to heal, it's also a place to plan for their future; a place to develop a good, solid way ahead for them and for their family.

"Either way, when they leave these units my goals for them is that not only have they received the best medical care possible, but that they also have the education and training they need to succeed and that they have a job or career lined up. We owe them our best, and Warrior Care Month is a time to commemorate the importance of what we do throughout the year."

### **MACH UPDATES**

#### LASIK SURGERY

The MACH Ophthalmology Clinic offers preoperative screening exams and post-operative care for Laser Refractive Surgery. The service is available to eligible active-duty Soldiers. The surgery will be conducted at Winn Army Community Hospital at Fort Stewart, Ga. To be eligible, Soldiers must have 18 months left of active-duty service. For more information, call 751-5406.

#### MEDICAL HOME ENROLLMENT

Moncrief Medical Home continues enrollment to all active duty family member beneficiaries in all zip codes within the Columbia area. Visit the Fort Jackson TRICARE Service Center on the 10th floor of the Moncrief Army Community Hospital and complete the TRICARE Prime Enrollment and PCM change form.

#### **WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP**

A support group for family members of Soldiers dealing with substance abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder and conflicts meets 5 p.m., every Wednesday in MACH Room 7-90.

#### NOVEMBER FLU SHOTS

Seasonal flu shots are available to eligible beneficiaries 4 and older. Dates and times vary. The schedule

for Room 6-67
at Moncrief
Army Community
Hospital is
as follows:
Vaccina-



given 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 10, 23. Vaccinations will be given 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Nov. 16, 30. The vaccination schedule for the **Main PX** is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 4 and 18. The schedule for the **Solomon Center** is 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Nov. 21 and 28. The schedule for the **Commissary** is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 15, 17, 22 and 29.

#### FIRST RESPONDER

The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

#### Maj. Raymond Simons

Director, Emergency Services/Provost Mar-

**Sgt. Maj. Bruce Sirois** *Provost Sergeant Major* 

**Bill Forrester** *Fire Chief* 

#### CASES OF THE WEEK

☐ Military Police are investigating a fire in a field in the housing area, MPs said. The Fort

Jackson Fire Department extinguished the fire and cleared the scene. A section of a plastic fence sustained minor damages.

A construction area was briefly evacuated when a worker hit a gas line, causing a leak, Directorate of Emergency Services personnel said. The Fort Jackson Fire Department shut off the gas line and cleared the scene. No injuries were reported.

☐ A civilian was cited for driving with a suspended license after attempting to enter the installation with expired insurance, MPs said. The civilian's driver's license was confiscated and she was escorted from the installation.



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Doing laundry is most likely part of your every day routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- ))) Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- ))) Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- iii Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Weep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- ))) Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.





Dryers should be properly **grounded**.

Check the **outdoor vent** flap to make sure it is not covered by snow.

Keep the area around your dryer **clear** of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc.

Clothes that have come in contact with **flammable substances**, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.

#### **FACT**

The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.

www.nfpa.org/education

# God helps keep our lives in perspective

#### By CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) ERIC GRAMLING

1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment

I'm thankful this year for perspective and how the Lord uses it to help us navigate life.

Psalm 90:4 says this about God: "For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night."

This is mind blowing. Try fathoming a drill sergeant or his or her spouse describing their two years on the trail as if it seemed to last but one day. Ha!

But don't be so quick to dismiss God's unique perspective on time. I believe this truth should embolden us to ask him for help so that we too may have a perspective on time that can actually help us not just survive, but thrive through long difficult assignments like "being on the trail."

I'd like to share a personal story on just how powerful perspective can be.

I'll never forget it: my bags were packed, my buddies

were there to take me to the airport, and I was saying goodbye to my family. With tears in my eyes, I said one last goodbye as I honestly worried if I'd ever see them again. But with God's help I turned and bravely walked out the door, finally ready to leave for my 12day mission trip to Macedonia. Yes, I said 12 🕻

Now, as a chaplain, after having done a 12, then a 15-month combat tour, I think, "What on earth was wrong with me back then?" Well there was nothing wrong with me, I just had a different perspective because I had never been away from my family before.

I believe every drill sergeant, and his or her spouse, who has been deployed already has a perspective on life in the Army that is sufficient to help them handle two years on the trail. Perspective helps you say, "Well at least I see my family one day a week." Or, "At least I get a few hours with the family each night." Or "At least I get to be intimate with my spouse more than on a two-week R&R."

And of course, "At least no one is shooting at me." But sadly, you may have this God-enabled perspective but choose not to use it. So ask the Lord to help you see your time on the trail in the right perspective, in his perspective, and gain his strength, enabling you to thrive despite your circum-



#### **PROTESTANT**

■ Sunday

9 a.m. McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center

9:30 a.m. Hispanic. Post Theater 9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel 8:30 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel Gospel service, Daniel Circle Chapel (first service) 10:15 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel Gospel service, Daniel Circle Chapel (second service) 10:45 a.m. Sunday school, Main Post Chapel

11 a.m. Memorial Chapel 11 a.m. Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel

■ Wednesday

6 p.m. Prayer service, Magruder Chapel

#### **Protestant Bible Study**

■ Monday

7 p.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel

■ Tuesday

9:30 a.m. to noon Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel

■ Wednesday

6 p.m. Gospel prayer service, Daniel Circle

7 p.m. Gospel Bible study, Daniel Circle Chapel

7 p.m. LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel

8 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast (PMOC), Main Post Chapel (every second Saturday of the month in the activity room)

#### Protestant Youth of the Chapel

■ Sunday

5 to 6:30 p.m. Club Beyond youth group, Main Post Chapel

■ Saturday

11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel youth group, Dorn VA Hospital (first Saturday of each

#### **CATHOLIC**

■ Monday through Friday

11:30 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel

■ Sunday

9:30 a.m. CCD (September through May), **Education Center** 

9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for adults (September through May), Main Post Chapel 9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for children (September through May), Main Post Chapel 10:30 a.m. Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel 11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel) 12:30 a.m. Catholic youth ministry, Main Post

7 p.m. Women's scripture study, Main Post

Chapel

■ Wednesday

7 p.m. Rosary, Main Post Chapel 7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult inquiry (September through May), Main Post Chapel

11:30 a.m. Ladies of the parish, Main Post Chapel (first Friday of each month)

#### ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

■ Sunday 8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

#### **ISLAMIC**

■ Sunday

8 to 10 a.m. Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel

1 to 2 p.m. Jumah services, Main Post Chapel

#### **JEWISH**

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Worship service, Memorial Chapel

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Jewish book study, Post Conference Room

#### **LATTER DAY SAINTS**

■ Sunday

9:30 to 11 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

■ Thursday

7 to 8 p.m. LDS scripture study, Anderson

Street Chapel

#### **CHURCH OF CHRIST**

■ Sunday

11:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

#### ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

**Anderson Street Chapel** 

2335 Anderson St., corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032

**Bayonet Chapel** 

9476 Kemper St., 751-6322/4542

**Daniel Circle Chapel** 

3359 Daniel Circle, corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-1297/4478

**Education Center** 4581 Scales Ave.

**Family Life Chapel** 

4580 Scales Ave, corner of Strom Thurmond

Boulevard (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780

**Magruder Chapel** 

4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883

Main Post Chapel

4580 Scales Ave., corner of Strom Thurmond Boulevard, 751-6469/6681

McCrady Chapel (SCARNG)

3820 McCrady Road (located at McCrady Training Center)

Memorial Chapel

4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324

Warrior Chapel (120th AG Bn.)

Installation Chaplain's Office 4475 Gregg St., 751-3121/6318

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